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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN UNGA

REFERENCE: USUN 4895; USUN 4852; CARACAS 7217; USUN 5002

1. FIRST REFTTEL SUGGESTED, IF EMBASSY DEEMS IT ADVISABLE, THAT THE EMBASSY INFORM FONMIN CALVANI OF US CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF VENEZUELAN DEPUTY PERMREP DIAZ GONZALEZ'S RULING AS CHARIMAN OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE THAT ALL COLONIAL TERRITORIES ARE SUBJECT TO UNGA RESOLUTION 1514 AND COULD THEREFORE BE DISCUSSED IN THAT COMMITTEE. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ON AUGUST 20 I LEFT WITH FONMIN CALVANI A NOTE EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED APPEARANCE OF TWO PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE LEADERS BEFORE THE UN COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-FOUR AND ASKING VENEZUELAN SUPPORT IN OPPOSING THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE

THAT BODY, (CARACAS 7217). AT THAT TIME I DISCUSSED WITH CALVANI OUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE BEING RAISED IN THE UNITED NATIONS, REINFORCING REPRESENTATIONS ALONG THE SAME LINES MADE BY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS FROM TIME TO TIME. HOWEVER, IN CARACAS 7217 I NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT CALDERA'S APPARENT INTENTION TO PROCEED TO RECOGNIZE CUBA (NOW IN ABEYANCE, BUT CAPABLE OF BEING RESURRECTED FOLLOWING

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THE DECEMBER 9 NATIONAL ELECTIONS) AND BECAUSE OF THE RULING

COPEI PARTY'S POLITICAL SLANT TOWARD THE LEFT, I DID NOT THINK
OUR REPRESENTATION ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN THE UN WOULD PROVE
VALUABLE.

2. SINCE I DO NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE HAVE ANY PRESSING BUSINESS TO TAKE
UP WITH FONMIN CALVANI, I DO NOT DEEM IT ADVISABLE TO MAKE AN APPOINT
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MENT WITH HIM FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF BERATING THE GOV ABOUT DIAZ
GONZALEZ'S RULING, ESPECIALLY SINCE I DO NOT CONSIDER ANY SUCH
DEMARCH
WOULD BE ESPECIALLY PRODUCTIVE. I THEREFORE PREFER TO LEAVE THE
MATTER FOR THE TIME BEING IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT
AND HIS STAFF AT THE UN, (AS REPORTED IN USUN 5002), ALTHOUGH
WHEN A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF I OR MY OFFICERS WILL
RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE FONMINISTRY.
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